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## CALENDAR



**Tues., July 7 - Open House.**  
Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Premier of Eastern Nigeria. Cocktails, 6:15 p.m. Dinner and discussion, 7:00 p.m. (See story below.)

**Thurs., July 16 - Book Evening.**  
Senator Joe McCarthy, a new book by Richard H. Rovere. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m., followed by panel discussion.

Rovere, Washington correspondent for The New Yorker, will discuss with a panel his new book, which assesses what the late Senator did for himself and did to his country. Panel members to be announced. Reservations, please, at OPC.

**Fri.-Sat., July 24-25 - Trip to U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.** (See story, page 2.)

## Club to Honor Nigerian

Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Premier of Eastern Nigeria, will be the OPC's guest at an Open House July 7. He will



Dr. AZIKIWE

arrive in New York the night before to start a diplomatic visit in the U.S. Premier Azikiwe is publisher of a chain of African newspapers, a prominent orator and the architect of much of the African independence movement. Nigeria will gain independence from Britain next year. Premier Azikiwe, will have a strong voice in what happens to his country after that.

## CLUB CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The OPC is closed from Thursday night, July 2, until Monday morning, July 6, for the Independence Day weekend.

## What If Summit Talks Were Here to Stay?

*The following fantasy is by Fernand Auberjonois, European correspondent of The Toledo Blade, who admits that he is "rather tired after a meeting at the foreign ministers' level." But he was not too tired to draw the sketches that accompany his story.*

It's back to Geneva this month for the boys who flunked in May and June.

And if we are very good (or very bad) we may have a summit.

We may even have, as Messrs. Macmillan, Fulbright et al have hinted, a succession of summit meetings. The theory is that if you keep stepping on summits you finally flatten them.

Another theory is that if you keep talking you don't fight. Many newsmen don't share this view. They have to listen while others do the talking.

Chronic summitry may flatten newsmen rather than summits. If international conferences are to be held uninterruptedly in order to keep foreign ministers and heads of states in good voice, cor-

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"The answer may still be 'no comment,' but by 1975 the camera boys will be tired of taking pictures of ministers getting out of cars."

## RUSSIANS CONFUSED BY MIDEAST CHANGE

"We American correspondents have HAD it for a long time in the Middle East. Now it's the Russians' turn. They are getting confused."

This new report on perhaps the most turbulent area in the world comes from William L. Ryan, AP specialist in foreign affairs. Ryan, who just returned from another fact-finding tour in the area, made the comment in AP Log. He added:

"When Gamal

Abdel Nasser started beating the Communists on the head, Pravda's correspondent in Cairo

began to feel shunned by the same Egyptians who had been his bosom buddies. At a reception, the Pravda man approached a British reporter, stuck out his hand and said morosely, 'Hallo, fellow imperialeest!'



RYAN

## 'Mixed Up In Syria'

"The Russians are mixed up in Syria, too. The Syrians are taking those Soviet credits, allowing Russians to do surveying and ground work for various projects, and then calmly dealing the contracts to Western companies. At the same time, the Syrians are again discouraging contacts between foreigners and Syrian officials, aiming mostly, it seems, at keeping the Syrians from being too cozy with the Russians.

"The Russians are feeling it. At one recent function, a Soviet diplomat wandered from one Westerner to another, buttonholing each with the same question: 'What's the matter with these people? One day, they're your friends; the next, they won't speak to you.'

"They're beginning to learn that you can please some Arabs all the time, all Arabs some of the time, but never all Arabs all of the time. There is only one way to get along with an Arab: Agree with him. But if you agree with one, you enrage another. The Egyptians and Syrians are at Iraq's throat. The Iraqis are

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## RUSSIANS CONFUSED

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busy hating everybody. The Jordanians are mad at the Syrians. The Sudanese are snapping at the Egyptians. The Egyptians are biting on the Tunisians. This, as the Russians will learn, is Arab Unity.

### 'Would Serve Them Right'

"It makes life tough for correspondents — and for diplomats. One Britisher, an old hand in the Middle East, wistfully asked me, 'Wouldn't it be nice if the Russians really took over this place? It would serve them right.'"

"But most British hope nobody will rock the boat. Apparently, they so informed young King Hussein of Jordan. When I interviewed him, he teed off mightily on Nasser; bad because Nasser's propaganda against Hussein had cooled down.

"I saw the British Ambassador the next night; he gave me a disapproving look and muttered, 'Do you think that interview was really necessary?'"

"I arrived in Syria just in time to hear myself blasted as a troublemaker because of that same interview. And in Cairo, at every other question I put to Nasser's right hand man, he snapped back, 'Why don't you ask the new Arab leader, Hussein?'"

### 'Things Better In Iran'

"Things were better in Iran. Persians can be puzzling, too, but they aren't Arabs and they can be disarmingly charming. When I arrived in Teheran, one paper ran a picture of me with a caption about 'the famous correspondent of *The Associated Press* who also advises President Eisenhower on foreign affairs.' I popped over to the paper to inquire where that bit of intelligence had been gleaned. 'Oh,' said the editor, grinning, 'we just thought that would make it more interesting.'"

### 13 Becomes 131

"Then there was the case of Iran's security chief and a story about the Kurds. I had filed a piece from Pasveh, quoting the local Khan on the flight of Sheik Rashid Lollan's riflemen and followers of the Communist Kurdish leader, Sheik Mustafa Barazani. Sheik Rashid said he had left 13 Barazani Kurds dead before crossing the frontier.

"The story came back and local papers wanted to use it. Next day, I was told one called the security chief to ask if it was OK. 'By all means,' the latter said, 'but I have a suggestion. Where it says 13 dead, I suggest you add another 1.' So, under my byline, there were 131 dead Barazani Kurds."

## AID TO 'VISITING FIREMEN'

A new *Bulletin* feature, "Visiting Firemen," will make its initial appearance in a few weeks.

It will be a weekly or bi-weekly listing of OPC non-resident members who are visiting New York or plan to do so shortly. "Visiting Firemen" will print the name, New York address, phone number and dates of visit of any non-resident member — active associate or affiliate.

This is strictly a voluntary service. No listings will be solicited. But visitors are cordially invited to start the ball rolling NOW by dropping *The Bulletin* a postcard giving their plans or, after arrival, leaving a note at the OPC reception desk.

## TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS NEARS

Members who have not yet made reservations for the visit to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, are urged to do so at once in order to assure proper accommodations.

The group will leave by bus from the OPC at 11 a.m. sharp on Friday, July 24. It will arrive in Annapolis about 4 p.m. and join an OPC group coming from Washington.

Reception and cocktails at Academy Superintendent's house at 5:30 p.m. Dinner with Academy's staff in Officer's Club at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, tour of Naval Academy after breakfast. Lunch with midshipmen in Mess Hall. Cruise on Severn River — Chesapeake Bay in YP boats. Leave Annapolis about 4 p.m., returning to New York about 10 p.m.

The cost of the entire trip, including lodging and meals at Annapolis, is \$20 per person. Because transportation and hotel accommodations, once arranged, must be paid for, members will not be able to cancel their reservations after July 10.

## Cable Study Is Planned

With more and more U.S. newsmen traveling to remote areas in Asia and Africa to cover fast-breaking stories, problems of communications with New York or relay bureaus in London, Paris, Tokyo, Manila and San Francisco are growing increasingly critical.

Time and again, OPC members have complained of limited cable facilities, irresponsible clerks and messengers and the failure of many countries to grant collect cable privileges readily.

### Credit Cards Available

The last has been a particular nuisance for many newsmen abroad. It's easy to be armed by the home office with collect or credit cards from Press Wireless, Western Union, RCA or American Cable and Radio. And in Paris, London, Bonn, Rome and a few other Western European capitals, they are easily usable. But when correspondents have tried to use them in Istanbul, Baghdad, Bangkok or Bombay, they have frequently encountered frustrating delays.

With the hope that it may achieve some good, *The Bulletin* is planning a global survey to determine just what the communications conditions are in every country in which U.S. newsmen operate. OPC members and other newsmen in these countries will be sent a questionnaire asking what the collect situation is, how long it takes a story to reach New York or a major relay point from the time the correspondent submits it to a clerk, whether incoming service messages are delivered promptly and other matters. Replies will be treated anonymously, if desired.

Also, the New York headquarters of the major cable and wireless facilities will be asked to state their positions, opinions and recommendations.

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## Rhee Gets OPC Protest

The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee has protested the closing of two newspapers in South Korea.

In a letter from *John F. Day*, Committee chairman, to President Syngman Rhee of South Korea recently, Day said: "We are deeply disturbed by events in South Korea pertaining to the closing of two newspapers, *Kyung Hyang* and *Kyonghyang Shimun*. These actions, it is reliably reported, have caused more comment and perturbation in Korea than any events since the outbreak of the Korean war. It is also understood that the shut-downs have aggravated a tense political situation in your country.

"We respectfully submit that any denial of freedom of the press anywhere in the world runs counter to the aims of democracy for which our two nations have long striven, and might, indeed, damage that cause and our mutual friendship. This our committee, and the OPC, finds deplorable.

"Therefore, it would be our hope that you will exercise the powers of your great office to restore publication rights to both newspapers at the earliest moment.

"This letter is sent in great respect to you and the people of South Korea. It conveys also our feeling of tremendous urgency in the matter."

## 4 to Return for Program

Four overseas correspondents of NBC News will return to New York in September to take part in an hour-long TV program scheduled for Sept. 11 on "The Last Quarter" — a look at major world issues as they are likely to shape events in the last three months of 1959.

The correspondents are *Joseph C. Harsch* of London, *Edwin Newman* of Paris, *Irving R. Levine* of Rome and *John Rich* of Berlin. All four covered the recessed foreign ministers' conference in Geneva.

They will be joined on the program by Washington correspondents *Ray Scherer* and *Robert McCormick*. *Frank McGee* of the NBC News staff in New York will moderate the program. *Chet Hagan* will be the producer and *Robert Prialux* the director.

## HUNTLEY OFF TO AFRICA

*Chet Huntley* of NBC News left this week for Africa to film the first of two full-hour TV programs on African nationalism.

Huntley will study nationalist movements in Kenya, Tanganyika and Northern and Southern Rhodesia. He will be accompanied by *Jack Sughrue*, director; *Piers Anderton*, reporter; *John Peters*, cameraman, and *Digby Jones*, soundman.



**DISCUSSION ON GENEVA:** David Lawrence (standing), editor and publisher of U.S. News & World Report, at an OPC Open House June 23 at which the recessed Geneva Conference of foreign ministers was discussed. Seated, left to right, are V.G. (Gil) Iden, regional editor of U.S. News & World Report; Mrs. Mark Lawrence, the publisher's daughter-in-law; OPC Vice President Ansel E. Talbert, and Ralph Salazar of UPI.

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respondents should prepare for the worse and make plans accordingly.

Since it is a pretty safe bet that, in chronic summitry, proposals will breed counter-proposals, a mobile, portable filing cabinet must be invented so that writers who have not been blessed with a lawyer's memory may check back on statements. Things are getting rough already in this respect.

Wives — or their equivalent — will have to be sent overseas if cross-breeding or inbreeding among newsmen is to be avoided. Without logistical support of this type, the specie may become extinct.

It is to be feared that if summit meetings are held on a permanent basis, a new relationship will have to be established between delegation spokesmen (also known as briefing officers) and the press.

Spokesmen who are generous with off-the-record comments in normal times may choose to withdraw into their cornucopia if summits become permanent operations. Others, wiser perhaps, will hold their briefings in bed. This would make sense, since they often summon representatives of the fourth estate late at night, in their hotel rooms.

The man condemned to spend the next 10 or 15 years at the same press center ("Press Headquarters" sounds more dynamic) will insist that the bar-keeps or barmaids be changed at regular intervals. The people behind the bar are already getting too well-informed and may soon be applying for jobs on newspapers.

Press cameramen are complaining about their steady diet of VIPs emerging from, or getting into, Cadillacs. What will they say toward the end of the century? Ministers and chiefs of states will have to assume new postures.

A newsman cannot live on cheese fondue alone. Something must be done

to set up food commissaries or PXs abroad for the duration of the eternal summit conference.

If the present trend continues — and it will — diplomatic correspondents will soon run out of "well-informed sources" and "sources close to the delegation." Nobody will be talking to them. The man-in-the-street, happy in the knowledge that the talks are going on, will be out of town with his trailer and camping gear.

The only solution will be the self-quoting machine. Newsmen won't be listening, and much less speaking to each other. They might just as well get used to the idea of talking to themselves.

Once in a while though, the boys will be whooping it up at the press bar — to celebrate the departure of a colleague who has reached retirement age.

Occasionally, but very seldom, the summit conference story will crawl to the front page. Editors will be well advised to let their correspondents know that this is about to occur. Old correspondents don't fade away when hit a sackful of good news — they just collapse.





# THE FLOTSAM AND JETSAM OF A NEWSMAN'S ODYSSEY

by Thomas R. Curran

London

Looking back as I start my fourth year of travels with United Press International in Europe, Africa and the Middle East, I am pleasurably bemused by the flotsam and jetsam of information that has come my way since I crossed the Atlantic. I find I have learned and been told, for example:

That in the Balkans a pig, chimney sweep and mushrooms are good luck signs on New Year's Eve; the Tavares restaurant in Lisbon has been serving food since 1784; the muezzin, or Moslem call to prayer, reminds you of Spanish flamenco, and that you have to lean over backward to kiss the Blarney Stone outside Cork.

That dentists are called "mister" not "doctor" in the United Kingdom; that County Kildare in Ireland is famous for its race horses; that Finnair, the Finnish airline, will fly when all other planes stay fogbound; the Norse museum in Oslo has Viking ships and artefacts dating back to 800 A.D. the Lakes of Killarney are three — upper, middle and lower.

That the Budapest restaurant and night club in East Berlin is dull and depressing; as many as 40 legitimate shows run in London theaters at the same time; Leonardo da Vinci's famous LAST SUPPER is a mural, and although it miraculously escaped bomb damage in Milan during the war is now fading badly.

## What Q Means

That Spanish bullfighters cape and kill in their bare feet when it rains; hot water faucets carry the letter "Q" for "quente" in Portugal; the big statues of seated ladies in the Place de la Concorde are Marseille, Lyon, Lille, Strasbourg, Rouen, Brest, Nantes and Bordeaux; most carafe red wine in cheap French restaurants is Beaujolais.

That one of the best balalaika players outside Russia is K. Ter Abramoff in a little boite near the Madeleine; most Irish and Welsh resort hotels have no central heating but hot water bottles help make damp sheets enduring; the intricate designs on the mosaic sidewalks are more striking in Rio de Janeiro than in Lisbon.

That all the best London tailors aren't on Savile Row; Fleet Street is one of the few newspaper lanes left in the world; that the bagpipe isn't confined to Scotland alone but is popular in Galicia and Brittany as well; "Rotten Row" is the English corruption of "Route du Roi," as "Beef-Eater" was originally buffetier — the attendant in charge of the king's buffet; the suburb of Dublin called "Dun Larry" is spelled

Dun Laoghaire; Indian elephants have littler ears than their African cousins.

## Venice Sinking

That the Swiss in the German speaking zone of Switzerland express thanks with "merci, vielmals" thereby mixing French and German; that the backwash of motorboats in the canals of Venice causes the city to sink at the rate of one inch every 10 years — faster than would be the case if only gondolas were used.

That in Rome you can buy pasta made of white flour alone in 20 different forms; the rating in the United Kingdom runs down from the sovereign, dukes of the royal household, dukes of creation, marquis, earls, barons, baronets and knights; in Morocco a man's wealth is often measured by his wives and cows; Jerash in Jordan is one of the best-preserved towns of Roman antiquity — it was so far from any other settlement vandals were discouraged from stealing its stones; the Middle East News Agency in Cairo distributes Tass in Arabic by teletype; you can get Damascus brocades on the Street called Straight, in Damascus.

That the Spanish riding school is in Austria and what Americans called Danish pastry is known as Vienna bread in Copenhagen; when you're mad at the home office Hebrews 13:8 is an apt Biblical reference; a German farmer, grateful for his wife's recovery, built one of the most striking baroque churches in Germany, at Wies, 200 years ago.

## Adult Hangover

That too many European countries tried to imitate the palace of Versailles; you can get an adult hangover on green Austrian wine called *heuriger*; the Grande Place in Brussels and the piazza in Siena are among Europe's most spectacular squares; the old California apostol, Junipero Serra, was born in Petra on the island of Majorca, and the Canary Islands weren't named for the birds but for the Latin word for dogs.

That unscrupulous gypsy horse traders in Iberia some times put live eels down the gullet of an old nag to make it snort and caper; there are three different versions of the Norwegian language: Riksmal, Landsmal and Samnorsk; English customs agents are the nicest in the world to tourists and possibly the most politely tough with their own nationals; to understand Arab psychology you should recall the old saying: "My friend says he is going to Mecca. When he says he is going to Mecca he means he is not going to Mecca. Why does my friend lie to me?"

That the Tower Bridge is the last one over the Thames on its way to the sea; Nell Gwynne and Chippendale, both of whom did well in furniture, are buried in St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; Lisbon taxicabs, with a starting meter of 2.50 escudos or eight U.S. cents, are among the cheapest in Europe.

That French provincial papers do a better job than their English counterparts in competing with the national dailies; the long-legged girls at the Lido in Paris are mostly English, German and Swedish; usherettes in movies and theaters in France, Spain, Portugal and Italy give you a dirty look if you don't tip them; all restaurants near Les Halles think their onion soup is best.

## 150,000-Gallon Cask

That garbage in Venice helps keep the town built up; a common first name in Spain, as in Latin America, is Jesus; Spanish gazpacho soup laced with garlic tastes better cold, and the wine cask at Heidelberg, supposed to be the world's biggest, holds 150,000 gallons.

That the cathedral at Cologne is called lace in stone; that the Smithfield Market in London is called the oldest butcher shop in the world; North Irish go to Eire on Sundays to get a drink and see the movies and Stilton cheese, made only in England from May to September, is best when nine months old.

That if Napoleon had been born a year earlier he would have been Italian; Vaduz is the capital city of Lichtenstein; Roquefort is the best-known cheese from ewe's milk as Brie de Meaux is tops in cow's milk; reindeer tongues are a delicacy in Finland, and most visiting firemen are nice guys.

Thomas R. Curran, a former member of the OPC Board of Governors, has been



CURRAN

a wandering news minstrel for many years and in many places. Currently Vice President and General European Manager for United Press International, he tells us that, on a recent visit to Lisbon, Portugal, he suddenly recalled an earlier promise to write a Bulletin feature. "I started scratching in my European kitchen midden," he writes. "The result is enclosed."







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Our cash account contained \$95,719.40 as of May 31, 1959. Of this total \$42,811.41 was in our checking account, \$51,474.71 in savings banks and \$1,575.00 on hand.

Member's equity stood at \$115,220.64 at the end of the month under review.

Food and beverage sales were down \$715.38 from sales in April, 1959.

*Franz Weissblatt, Treasurer*

### INSURANCE NOTICE

The first enrollment list for OPC Blue Cross-Blue Shield group insurance has been closed. Members whose applications came in before June 22 have been processed and they may expect their policies between July 9 and July 16.

The enrollment list will be reopened for OPC members desiring this group insurance as early as possible, probably in January 1960. The date will be announced in *The Overseas Press Bulletin*.

The list for initial members of Mutual of Omaha's OPC insurance remains open until July 15.

### READER JOINS AIR FRANCE

*Norman Reader*, an American who has long been active in public relations for France, joined Air France this week as public relations manager of the North American and Caribbean division, with headquarters in New York.

From 1946-58 Reader was public information director of the French Government Tourist Office in North America. He was twice decorated by France for his contributions to French-American goodwill and understanding.

### BRUTTO RETURNS TO U.S.

*Frank Brutto*, Associated Press correspondent at the Vatican, arrived in the United States June 25 for six weeks' vacation. He will spend most of his time at Hamilton, Mont., with his family.

Brutto has been assigned to the Vatican since 1940 and has written thousands of stories about the Popes and Vatican affairs.

### SEMINARS IN JAPAN

Alton L. Blakeslee, AP science writer, and John Foster, science journalism professor at Columbia University, are conducting a series of seminars on science news writing in Japan at the invitation of the Japan Newspapers Publishers Ass'n.

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LESTER VELIE - Roving editor, *Reader's Digest*, since 1953. *Saturday Evening Post* 1952/53; *Collier's* 1946/52; *N.Y. Journal of Commerce* 1937/46. Proposed by *Grace Naismith*; seconded by *Helen F. Hector*.

## ASSOCIATE

HARRY P. HART - Vice president, Thomas F. Swift Associates. *N.Y. Times* 1948/59; *Baldwin* (L.I.) *Citizen* 1957/58; *Kings Pointer* (N.Y.) 1949/59. Proposed by *Gilbert E. Busch*; seconded by *Whitney Martin*.

RUTH WARREN - Free lance. *Portland* (Me.) *Evening Express* 1942; *Port Chester* (N.Y.) *Daily Item* 1926; *Worcester* (Mass.) *Telegram* 1925. Proposed by *Dickey Chapelle*; seconded by *Tony Chapelle*.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

## ACTIVE

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## ASSOCIATE

J. David Bowen - United Fruit Co.

## U.S. POLICY CRITICIZED

Sharply critical views of U.S. foreign policy are expressed by high-ranking retired officers of the Foreign Service in an 81-page pamphlet just made public by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The pamphlet, according to the *N.Y. Times*, "presents a wide-ranging, detailed, personalized and often pungently worded analysis of United States foreign policy, the State Department and the Foreign Service."

It is a result of letters sent last January to about fifty retired Foreign Service officers from an executive committee of the Foreign Relations Committee. The letters invited views on "what is right with our policies, and what action (or inaction) might in your opinion best serve our interests in the future."

"When not critical," the *Times* reported, the officers in many cases "expressed reservations about the way (U.S. foreign policy) is being conducted"

## HARTZENBUSCH ILL

Henry Hartzenbusch of AP's world service has entered Manhasset (L.I.) General Hospital. Hartzenbusch was long a foreign correspondent, specializing in Far Eastern news.

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